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SUBJECT:FUTURE STATUS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE (AHC) ON

EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY

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1. OUR VIEWS AND GUIDANCE ARE PROVIDED FOR MISSION USE IN  
FORMING US POSITION ON THE FUTURE OF THE AHC ON INTER-

OPERABILITY. URGENCY OF PREPARING DRAFT REPORT EXPRESSED  
PARA 2 REF C IS UNDERSTOOD.

2. WHILE WE ARE AWARE OF THE VARIOUS ARGUMENTS AND  
EMOTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SUBJECT, WE AT THE SAME TIME  
ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT A DORMANT AHC IS THE WAY TO GO.

3. IT SEEMS TO US THAT UNDER ITS CURRENT CHARTER TO ENSURE  
ADEQUATE INTEROPERABILITY OF EQUIPMENT TO BE DEVELOPED  
AND ACQUIRED IN THE FUTURE, THE AHC STILL HAS A CONTINUING  
ROLE TO PLAY. THE ROLE ENVISIONED WOULD BE ADVISORY, TO  
FACILITATE THE CNAD/NAC INTERFACE.

4. WE FORESEE SPECIFIC INSTANCES WHERE SUCH A ROLE  
WOULD BE USEFUL AND PERHAPS ESSENTIAL.

-- THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE ON NATO ARMS COOPERATION,  
WHICH THE IEPG PROPOSES BE CONDUCTED IN THE CNAD.

-- THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PAPS/NAPR IN THE CNAD SIMILARLY  
WOULD BENEFIT FROM AHC SUPPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE  
GOING FORWARD TO THE NAC. SUCH A ROLE WOULD NOT OF  
NECESSITY OR EVEN DESIGN BE INTENDED TO REDUCE OR  
DIMINISH THE CNAD RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS AREA BUT WOULD  
RATHER SUPPLEMENT AND SUPPORT ITS WORK.

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-- THE WORK OF THE NATO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GROUP  
(AC/94) TO DATE, AND PARTICULARLY SEVERAL OF THE MATTERS  
IDENTIFIED IN ITS INTERIM REPORT AS WORTHY OF FURTHER  
STUDY, COULD USE AHC ASSISTANCE -- FOR EXAMPLE, SEVERAL  
OF THE SOME 17 OVERLAPPING FACTORS IDENTIFIED BY AC/94  
WHICH DETRACT FROM STANDARDIZATION.

5. IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THE  
FUTURE OF THE AHC WITH KEY DELEGATIONS ALONG THE  
FOLLOWING LINES:

-- WE SEE NEED TO RETAIN THE AHC IN SOMETHING MORE THAN  
A DORMANT STATUS, THOUGH NOT ENGAGED IN THE RATHER  
TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE PAST.

-- THE ROLE OF THE AHC ENVISIONED WOULD BE ADVISORY, TO  
FACILITATE CNAD/NAC INTERFACE. THIS ROLE WOULD TAKE THE  
FORM OF A STAFF FUNCTION, AND NOT AS AN INTERMEDIARY  
THROUGH WHICH THE CNAD INTERFACES WITH THE NAC.

-- IN PARTICULAR, WE EXPECT THE CONDUCT OF THE TRANS-  
ATLANTIC DIALOGUE IN THE CNAD, THE PAPS/NAPR WORK, THE

FOLLOW-ON WORK OF AC/94 AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, TO ADDRESS OR SURFACE SEVERAL IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUES.

-- WE SOLICIT YOUR VIEWS ON SUCH AN APPROACH AND ASK THAT IT BE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED IN THE COURSE OF DECIDING THE FUTURE OF THIS COMMITTEE.

6. PLEASE REPORT ALLIED REACTIONS TOGETHER WITH YOUR OWN COMMENTS SOONEST.

7. COMMENTS ON REF D WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL. AS MISSION IS AWARE, REACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE FOREGOING

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POINTS WILL IMPACT ON SEVERAL AREAS OF THE DRAFT REPORT WHICH IS MAY SUBSEQUENTLY WISH TO REDRAFT.

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